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The Royal Journey

The title of the world-wide Christmas broadcast this year is also the subject that is uppermost in the minds of all members of the Royal Family, and of all loyal citizens of the Commonwealth, as they prepare to celebrate Christmas. The following article was cabled from Sydney, Australia, on December 1 by the director of the program, a veteran BBC producer who has been in charge of this annual radio feature since its inauguration.

By LAURENCE GILLIAM

This year the BBC's Christmas Day program comes of age, and its 21st birthday will be spent in the Antipodes. As the Queen will send the Christmas Day message to the Commonwealth from New Zealand, the world-wide exchange of greetings which precedes the Queen's speech will be centred on Australia. This new orientation of a traditional London broadcast brings many exciting consequences in its train.

Technically, this year's program presents problems of rare complexity, and the radio communications experts of Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand have pooled resources to do all that is humanly possible to make this intricate world-wide hook-up smooth and efficient. Some idea of the technical problems behind the broadcast can be gathered from the arrangements that have been made to ensure that the Queen's broadcast from Auckland, New Zealand, will be heard clearly throughout the world.

The Royal message will travel first by land-line from Government House in Auckland to Wellington. Wellington will send it on by five different routes: by radio-telephone to Sydney;

by radio-telephone to London; by broadcast transmitters to Sydney and to London; by Royal New Zealand Navy transmitters directly to the Admiralty in London; and across the Pacific to San Francisco, then to New York and London.

Sydney in its turn will send the message on by radio-telephone to London, by Radio Australia's broadcast transmitter direct to London, and also by way of Ceylon and by way of Singapore. These radio paths, across the poles, across the oceans and continents are the communications veins of the Commonwealth body.

If this year's Christmas broadcast is successful, first thanks and first praise go to the hundreds of radio men who will spend Christmas Day and many days before at lonely transmitters and relay stations—the New Zealanders at Himitangi and Wayourou, Wellington and Auckland; the Australians at Melbourne, Sydney and Perth; and those on duty at Singapore and Colombo, Montreal and London, and at intermediate points throughout the world, on the production as well as on the technical side.

This year's program will be a team job. Alan Burgess and I have flown to Sydney to work with the Australian Broadcasting Commission feature team of Neil Hutchison, Mungo McCullum and John Thompson. Charles Ladbrook and Bill Perry of the BBC will be working with Australian technicians on the production.

The narrator this year will be the well-known Australian broadcaster and war historian Chester Wilmot, and the music, too, will have an Australian flavour, for it will be written

by the Australian composer John Antill and played by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

The new, exciting fact about this year's Christmas broadcast is that it will be made for the first time from outside the U.K. The young Queen takes an established tradition and gives it a new summer dress. We shall begin and end our circle of family greetings in the Antipodes. The first people heard will be New Zealanders, Maoris of Rotorua preparing to welcome the Queen with their rousing ceremonial chant, the haka. The last voice, too, will be that of a New Zealander, the Mount Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary, speaking from the home of his sister in Norfolk, 20 miles from the Royal residence at Sandringham, England, sending the Commonwealth's Christmas greeting to the Queen, who will be speaking from his own home town of Auckland.

In the 60 minutes between these two New Zealand greetings, Chester Wilmot will call in some 20 points in the Commonwealth radio chain.

From Australia, there will be two contrasting speakers: Bill Harney, a rugged individualist of a bushman from Darwin, and Syd Loder, a New Australian, formerly of Berlin and one of thousands of Europeans who have found a new and freer home in Australia. Loder will be "Father Christmas" at a Sydney children's party. Australia's greeting to the Queen will be sent by 10-year-old Ian Paterson, a sheep-shearer's son from Mudgee, New South Wales, who has been undergoing speech therapy at the Far West Children's Home in Manly, New South Wales.

Then back to the U.K. for a west-countryman's reminiscence of the Queen's departure a month ago, before the program moves along the westward path of the Queen's journey. The first call will be at Jamaica and then Canada's contribution will be heard. It will open in Quebec, where the Royal Visit of 1951 will be recalled by the Little Singers of the Wooden Cross, a choir of French-Canadian school children who sang for Her Majesty when, as Princess Elizabeth, she began her tour of Canada. From ancient Quebec, the broadcast will swing to a very different scene—the pioneer nickel-mining town of Lynn Lake in northern Manitoba. A Lynn Lake woman will tell how the entire community—people, houses and stores—was transported by caterpillar tractor some 150 miles across the snow.

Next we shall move south to the Pacific islands, to Fiji and Tonga, where Wynford Vaughan Thomas introduces a Christmas message from Queen Salote, that well-loved visitor to the Coronation. Then Chester Wilmot will pass the message on northwards to New Guinea, a battlefield where many brave Australians died in defence of their homeland.



Northwards, then, to Korea where peace breathes again this Christmas Day over a newer battlefield, for messages from the Commonwealth Division and the United Nations relief workers who are helping to rebuild on the ruins of war.

The line runs next across Asia—blazing, crowded, hungry Asia. Here the Christmas message takes on the accents of many races—Chinese from Hong Kong; Dyaks from Borneo; Malay, Chinese and Indians from Singapore; Hindi, Pakistani, Singhalese. The strange rhythms of eastern music sound from pagoda and temple, mission hut and jungle longhouse. But beneath the rich and strange surface the message is the same—good news of the silent, desperate struggle which the peoples of Asia are fighting for food, health and knowledge; news from India of a strange holy man, Vinobha Bhave, a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, who is travelling the length and breadth of India persuading rich and poor alike to give land to the landless; news from Ceylon through the voices of young girls, pupils of an agricultural college at Kundasale, where the young women of Ceylon are being trained to take their part with the men in the battle for food production; news from Pakistan of vast new plans for more food.

We move south across the Indian Ocean to Cocos Island, a new junction in the Indian Ocean for the airways linking New Zealand and Australia with South Africa and Singapore. An Australian airman speaks for the lonely community on this coral airstrip. Then westward to the island of Mauritius, where we are greeted by the voices of children singing a French carol in the island patois, and by an ex-sergeant of the Pioneer Corps who fought in the Western Desert.

The chain of greetings swings south to Capetown, to the top of Table

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QUEEN SALOTE of Tonga, photographed at the microphone in London, England, last June. She will send greetings on behalf of the people of her island in the world-wide Commonwealth broadcast on Christmas Morning. Queen Salote captured the hearts of the English people at the Coronation when she braved the drenching rain in her open carriage, during the return procession from Westminster Abbey.

« « NOTES » »

RECITAL. Patricia Poitras, mezzo-soprano. From Montreal.

Christmas Carol (15th century arr. Arnold Bax); Nymphs and Shepherds (Henry Purcell); Four songs by Hugo Wolf: Auf ein altes bild, Nun wandre Maria, Morgenstimmung, and Gesegnet Sei, durch den die Welt Entstand; Berceuse—Chant d'Auvergne (J. Canteloube); Marins d'Islande (F. Jourdain); Noël des petits enfants qui n'ont plus de maison (Debussy).

W-10:30 a.m. K-9:30 a.m. X-9:30 a.m.

ALAN MILLS. On his program today Alan Mills will include the unusual English game song, There Was a Pig; and a rarely-heard Spanish game song called, Fum-Fum-Fum; also the traditional English carol, King Herod and the Cock; and the 12th century English stable carol, The Friendly Beasts. From Montreal.

W-12:00 noon K-11:00 a.m. X-11:00 a.m.

JUST MARY. This week's story tells of a certain Miss Merry Berry, who kept a toy shop. A woman came in with a length of grey velvet, and asked if Miss Merry Berry would make her an elephant in time for Christmas. When it was all completed except for the ears, she left the elephant and the two small ears on the counter and went out for dinner. A mouse came along and chewed the ears up for his nest. Then the toys came to life and told the mouse how sad Miss Merry Berry would be when she found out, for she had no more velvet for new ears. But the mouse was very clever and, with the aid of the moon, put matters right in a most unusual way. From Toronto.

W-12:15 p.m. K-11:15 a.m. X-11:15 a.m.

WAY OF THE SPIRIT. The Christmas story of the birth of Christ will be told in a play in two episodes by Clare Slater. The first, to be heard today, is called the Incarnation and deals with the trip to Bethlehem, the finding of lodging in the manger, the visitation of the Angels, and ends with the visit of the Shepherds. The

second part, on December 27, is called the Manifestation and begins with the journey of the Kings to Bethlehem. There is an interesting encounter between the Kings and the Shepherds which serves to point out the play's theme that Jesus is the promised One for all men, for all nations, and for all time. The plays have been described as "delicate and beautifully written." These are the first radio plays by Clare Slater who has written plays in England for the religious drama foundation. From Montreal.

W-12:30 p.m. K-11:30 a.m. X-11:30 a.m.

CAPITAL REPORT. News reviews and reports from James McConaughy in Washington, Charles Woodworth in Ottawa, Harry Franklin in Northern Rhodesia, and a European commentator.

W-1:03 p.m. K-12:03 p.m. X-12:03 p.m.

RELIGIOUS PERIOD. Canon F. J. Nicholson, St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Toronto.

W-1:30 p.m. K-12:30 p.m. X-12:30 p.m.

N.Y. PHILHARMONIC. New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter; Erica Morini, violinist.

Overture to Prometheus, Opus 43 (Beethoven); Symphony No. 39 in E Flat Major, K. 543 (Mozart); Violin Concerto in D Major, Opus 77 (Brahms).

W-2:00 p.m. K-1:00 p.m. X-1:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE AIR. Rev. Frank Lawson, St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax.

Dom. 2:30 p.m. MST

CUCKOO CLOCK HOUSE. The mummies' play to be heard on the program today will be a faithful copy of the Christmas mummies' plays which have been presented in England for hundreds of years. Babs Brown, who writes the scripts, says the word mummer means mask or disguise. The people who disguised themselves were farmers, cobblers and stonemasons—not actors but ordinary people who got together at Christmas time to put on a

play. A highlight of the program will be the singing of the first Canadian Christmas song—the Huron Carol, written by Father Jean de Brebeuf for Indian children 300 years ago. From Toronto.

Dom. 3:00 p.m. MST

CRITICALLY SPEAKING. Clyde Gilmour on movies, Basil Dean on radio programs and a book reviewer.

W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

FIDDLE JOE'S YARNS. It is Sunday, December 20, 1907, in the imaginary village of St. Christophe and almost all the townsfolk are in the church. They have remained in their seats after Vespers to hear the annual Christmas presentation by the St. Christophe Dramatic and Choral Societies of the legend, *The Tree of Dreams*. The legend concerns a wood-carver who was famous in all the land for his art and his faith in God. Into one of the many dolls he carved at Christmas time as gifts, he breathed the spirit of his faith because it was to represent the Christ Child in the creche at the foot of the altar on the Holy Eve. But on his way to the church through a forest, many obstacles were thrown in his path to confuse him and shake his faith. But neither beast nor man could move him and he arrived at the altar to find that he clutched in his arms a living child, a symbol of the living light within him. Listeners are invited to listen to the re-enacting of St. Christophe's presentation of the legend which also features the choir in some of French Canada's favourite Christmas carols. From Montreal.

W-4:00 p.m. K-3:00 p.m. X-3:00 p.m.

DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS. English baritone Douglas Taylor; George Brough at the piano. From Toronto.

Sweet Cupid Ripen Her Desire (Cerkine); If She Forsakes Me (Rosseter); On a Time (John Attey); Love Is a Babbler (Parry); O Mistress Mine, Love's Philosophy, and Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter); Morgen, Die Nacht, Zueignung (R. Strauss).

W-5:30 p.m. K-5:30 p.m. X-5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY CHORALE. Choir conducted by W. H. Anderson; Filmer Hubble, organist. Tom Taylor, producer. From Winnipeg.

Angels from the Realms of Glory (Randall); Christmas Song (Hertzogenberg); Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (traditional); In Dolci Jubilo (Pearsall); O Little Town of Bethlehem (traditional); And the Glory of the Lord (Handel); The First Nowell (traditional); The Lord's Prayer (Langdon).

W-6:00 p.m. K-6:00 p.m. X-6:00 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC. Leo Barkin, pianist; Kathleen Parlow, violinist; Stanley Solomon, violist; Isaac Mam-mott, cellist. From Toronto.

Quartet for Piano, Violin, Viola and Cello (Schumann).

W-6:30 p.m. K-6:30 p.m. X-6:30 p.m.

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9:00 CBC News
9:03 Weather, Interlude
9:15 World Church News
9:30 Sunday School
10:00 CBC News
10:02 Neighbourly News

10:15 Prairie Gardener
10:30 Recital
11:00 St. Andrew's River Heights United
11:59 Dominion Time Signal
12:00 Alan Mills
12:15 Just Mary
12:30 Way of the Spirit

Sunday, Dec. 20, 1953

CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

1:00 CBC News
1:03 Capital Report
1:30 Religious Period
2:00 N.Y. Philharmonic

3:30 Critically Speaking
4:00 Fiddle Joe's Yarns
4:30 Jake and The Kid
5:00 CBC News

5:05 Ask the Weatherman
5:12 Weather
5:15 U.N. on the Record
5:30 Distinguished Artists
6:00 Sunday Chorale
6:30 Chamber Music
7:00 NBC Symphony
8:00 Stage 54

9:00 CBC National News
9:10 Weekend Review
9:20 Our Special Speaker
9:30 Little Symphonies
10:00 Winnipeg Symphony
11:00 Ballad Time
11:30 Vesper Hour
12:00 CBC News, Weather

CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

8:45 Interlude, Weather
9:00 CBC News
9:02 Neighbourly News
9:15 Prairie Gardener
9:30 Recital
10:00 BBC News
10:15 World Church News

10:30 Harmony Harbour
10:59 Dominion Time Signal
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10:00 Ballad Time
10:30 Vesper Hour
11:00 CBC News, Weather
11:15 Canadian Short Stories
11:30 Music by Mantovani

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

8:45 Rise and Shine, Road Report, Weather
9:00 CBC News
9:02 Neighbourly News
9:15 Prairie Gardener
9:30 Recital
10:00 BBC News

10:15 Music for Meditation
10:30 Harmony Harbour
10:59 Dominion Time Signal
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CBC DOMINION (MST)

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2:00 Longines Symphonette
2:30 Church of the Air
3:00 Cuckoo Clock House
3:30 Music From Films

4:00 Operatic Highlights (5:00 p.m. CST Man.)
4:00 The Tylers (Sask. and Alta.)
4:30 Our Miss Brooks

5:00 The Tylers (6:00 p.m. CST Man.)
5:30 Amos 'n Andy
6:00 Pat's Music Room
6:30 C.G.E. Show

7:00 Singing Stars
7:30 Harmony House
8:00 Bod's Scrapbook
8:30 Hawaii Calls
9:00 Dominion News

Program times are shown at the end of each program note in these pages. In the time indications, W means CBW; K, CBK; X, CBX; and Dom., CBC Dominion Network.

« « NOTES » »

MORNING DEVOTIONS. Rev. F. R. Gartrell, St. George's Anglican Church, Winnipeg, will be heard this week on CBW; Rev. J. T. Dahle, Zion Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, will be heard on CBK; and Rev. C. J. Smith, Bonnie Doon Baptist Church, Saskatoon, will be heard on CBX.

W-9:35 a.m. K-10:45 a.m. X-10:45 a.m.

TRANS-CANADA MATINEE. Today: What's New in Alberta—Dorothy Dahlgren; Georgina — Betty Gould; Turtle Races at Christmas—Kay Vellacott Jones; News Commentary—Constance Garneau; Songs—Joyce Sullivan.

W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

SLEEPYTIME STORY TELLER. Stories for children told by Stan Chapman of Campbellton, N.B. Today: The Star in the East.

W-5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, K-5:45 p.m., X-5:45 p.m.

MAXINE WARE. Maxine Ware, vocalist; orchestra conducted by Eric Wild. From Winnipeg.

Orch.: Liza. Miss Ware: Happy in Love; It's All Over Now; Says My Heart; Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

W-6:15 p.m. K-5:15 p.m. X-5:15 p.m.

CBC SYMPHONY. CBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jean Beaudet with soprano Trudy Carlyle and pianist Glenn Gould in an Arnold Schoenberg program. From Toronto.

Prelude and Interlude from Guerre-Lieder; Aria from Guerre-Lieder; Piano Concerto.

W-10:15 p.m. K-9:15 p.m. X-9:15 p.m.

CHEZ NOUS. Folksingers Helene Baillargeon and Alan Mills and the Arthur Morrow Singers will devote their program tonight to traditional English and French Christmas carols. From Montreal.

The old English Coventry Carol, a lullaby said to have been sung first in one of the Coventry plays of the 16th century; What Child Is This



As they appeared in a recent performance—the Little Singers of the Wooden Cross, of Montreal, who will be heard throughout the world on Christmas Morning in the BBC's annual Christmas feature.

a well-known English carol based on the Elizabethan dance tune, Green-sleeves; two French carols—Il est ne le Divin Enfant and D'ou viens-tu, bergere.; and the rare Canadian Indian carol, Jesos Ahathonha.

K-11:15 p.m. X-11:15 p.m.

THE ROYAL JOURNEY

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Mountain where a commentator describes the Christmas-morning scene and recalls the Queen's visit to South Africa with her father and mother. Now north through Africa to Rhodesia. From Salisbury, John Parry introduces Pat Gleeson, an Australian

mine manager at Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia. Speaking for Nyasaland will be Captain Flint of the Lake Nyasa steamer Ilala; and R.S.M. Elijah of the Rhodesian African Rifles, one of the African soldiers who lined the route of the Queen's Coronation, will send greetings to her in New Zealand in the name of his fellow Rhodesians.

Two more calls remain in Africa. Nigeria speaks for West Africa, and Kenya for East Africa. From Kenya we shall hear from a Kikuyu chief; and then, from the Treetops Hotel in the Aberdare game reserve at Nieri,

the romantic bungalow in a tree where the Queen's reign began, comes a description of the forest scene on Christmas morning.

Before calling on Sir Edmund Hillary in Norfolk for the final greeting, we shall link the Australian meteorologists at MacQuarie Island, in the Antarctic, with their fellow scientists of the British North Greenland Expedition.

So the family circle of the Commonwealth is complete, waiting to hear the Queen's message from New Zealand.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1953

CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

6:45 Manitoba on Parade
7:00 CBC News, Weather and Marine Forecast
7:05 Manitoba on Parade
7:30 CBC News, Weather
7:40 Family Worship
7:45 Morning Concert
8:00 CBC News
8:05 Weather
8:07 Sports Report
8:15 Breakfast Club
8:45 Melody Highlight
8:50 Piano Personalities

9:00 CBC News
9:10 Weather
9:15 Kindergarten of the Air
9:30 Ruth Harding
9:35 Morning Devotions
9:45 Kay O'Neill
10:00 Road of Life
10:15 Rosemary
10:30 Your Good Neighbour
10:45 Laura Limited
11:00 BBC News
11:15 Aunt Lucy
11:30 Brave Voyage

11:45 Eddy Arnold
11:59 Dominion Time Signal
12:00 Messages, Marine Forecast and Road Report
12:15 Farm Broadcast
12:45 Musical Kitchen
1:00 CBC News

1:10 Weather
1:15 The Happy Gang
1:45 Smiley Burnette
2:00 Life Can Be Beautiful
2:15 Ma Perkins
2:30 Pepper Young
2:45 Right to Happiness
3:00 Records at Random

3:30 Trans-Canada Matinee
4:15 Concert Hour
5:00 The Oriole's Nest
5:15 Sleepytime Story Teller
5:30 International Commentary
5:35 Rawhide
6:00 Here and There
6:15 Maxine Ware Sings
6:30 CBC News, Weather
6:45 Bob Moir's Sports Parade

7:00 Don Messer
7:30 Harvest of Music
8:00 Lux Radio Theatre
9:00 CBC National News
9:15 News Roundup
9:30 Farm Forum
10:00 A Saviour is Born
10:15 Bob McMullin Show
11:00 Bob McMullin Show
11:30 Cafe Continental
12:00 CBC News, Weather

CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

6:45 Weather, Clockwatcher
7:00 CBC News
7:05 Weather, Interlude
7:15 Breakfast Club
7:45 Clockwatcher
7:55 Family Worship
8:00 CBC News
8:10 Weather, Scoreboard
8:15 Hello Saskatchewan
8:45 Jean Hinds

9:00 Road of Life
9:15 Rosemary
9:30 Your Good Neighbour
9:45 Laura Limited
10:00 BBC News
10:15 Aunt Lucy
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10:59 Dominion Time Signal

11:00 Timely Tunes
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1:30 Pepper Young

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4:30 Musical Program
5:00 Musical Program
5:15 Maxine Ware Sings

5:30 Starbuck Valley Winter
5:45 Roundabout
6:00 CBC News, Weather
6:15 International Commentary
6:20 Interlude
6:30 Rawhide
6:55 Interlude
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8:00 CBC National News

8:15 News Roundup
8:30 Farm Forum
9:00 A Saviour is Born
9:15 CBC Symphony
10:00 Bob McMullin Show
10:30 Cafe Continental
11:00 CBC News, Weather
11:15 Chez Nous
11:30 Don Messer

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

6:45 Rise and Shine
7:00 CBC News
7:05 Weather, Road Report
7:15 Breakfast Club
7:45 Glen Bjarnson, Sports
7:55 Family Worship
8:00 CBC News
8:10 Weather
8:15 Earlybird

8:45 Betty Tomlinson
9:00 Road of Life
9:15 Rosemary
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11:15 Chez Nous
11:30 Don Messer

CBC DOMINION (MST)

2:55 Anne Marshall
6:45 Provincial Affairs (Alta.)
8:00 Opportunity Knocks

8:30 Canadian Sports Roundup
9:00 Dominion News
9:15 U.N. Today
9:30 Press Conference

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TRANS-CANADA MATINEE. Today: What's New in Christmas Decorations —Kay McColl; Matinee Quiz; News Commentary — Constance Garneau; Songs—Joyce Sullivan.
W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

CONCERT HOUR. Program of recordings arranged by CBC producer Tom Taylor. From Winnipeg. Today: Famous choruses.
W-4:15 p.m. K-3:15 p.m. X-3:15 p.m.

THE NINE LESSONS. *The Service of the Nine Lessons*, a family Christmas service of medieval days, revived by King's College, Cambridge, in 1800, and since traditional in many Anglican churches. Scripture lessons concerning the Nativity, read in turn by representatives of the congregation, with carols following. Men's and boy's choir of St. Simon's Church, Toronto, led by Eric Lewis.
Dom. 7:30 p.m. CST, Man.; 10:30 p.m. MST, Sask. and Alta.

CBC CONCERT HALL. Clementi piano recital by John Newmark. From Montreal.
Sonatas in G Minor, B Flat Major, and B Minor (Scarlatti); Gavotte in D Minor (Scarlatti); Sonata in B Flat Major (Dussek).
Dom. 8:30 p.m. CST; 8:30 p.m. MST

HERE COMES THE BAND. Continental band conducted by Jake Park; Reg Gibson, vocalist. Alf Parr, producer. From Winnipeg.
Band: Sharpshooter's Polka; Red Raven Waltz; Gob Stick Polka; Swedish Hills Schottische; Happy Birds Polka; Isabella and Mariechen; Cherry Pickers Polka. Reg Gibson: Are You From Dixie; So Long; The Poinsettia Polka.
W-10:30 p.m. K-11:30 p.m. X-11:30 p.m.

MANITOBA PLAYHOUSE. *Like in a Book*, an adaptation by Anne Fielding of a short story by Allan Sangster. This play was first produced in Winnipeg on March 27, 1952, and is now being repeated for the pleasure of Manitoba

listeners. Emrys Jones, producer. From Winnipeg.
W-11:00 p.m.

VANCOUVER THEATRE. *The Travellers* by E. G. Perrault is a play for Christmas, set at a train whistle stop in the Canadian Rockies where three mysterious visitors bring home the meaning of Christmas to a lonely couple—the station master and his wife. Perrault, a Vancouver man, has spun a wistful, simple yarn that relies for its impact on the locale, and the experience of two humble people, whose chief excitement for years has been listening to the roar of the expresses as they thunder by on the main line. From Vancouver.
W-11:30 p.m. K-10:30 p.m. X-10:30 p.m.

New Zealand Yule

A New Zealander, David Delany, contributed to *London Calling* the following note on Christmas in the land where Her Majesty will be spending Christmas Day.

A New Zealand Christmas is full of contradictions. Christmas cards remain, on the whole, stubbornly English in spirit; there are many depressed, snowbound robins on ivy branches; and Christmas dinners remain obstinately faithful to steaming pudding and hot roast turkey, prepared by a perspiring housewife while the thermometer settles itself anywhere between 70 and 80 degrees in the shade.

But this sort of Christmas does not please everyone. A day or two before December 25, thousands bundle holiday gear, a tent, and two or three friends or the family into a car and trundle off to some secluded seaside bay for surf and sunshine salads. Our Christmas flower, the pohutakawa, straggles in scarlet splotches over hills and banks; the countryside is rough and a little burnt, and near the shore, under pine trees, small mushroom colonies of tents and caravans spring up.



Christmas is a season of song. Here MARY GYNN, soprano, and KERR WILSON, baritone, well-known Winnipeg artists, are joining heartily in the chorus, with ERIC WILD conducting. They are heard regularly on *Curtain Melodies*, from Winnipeg on Fridays and Saturdays. They will be off the air for Christmas week.

I remember several glorious Christmases of this kind on the Canterbury coast. We would have a swim before breakfast, riding the surf on a willow board, and later go for a walk along the coastline. Christmas dinner was out of a hamper and the afternoon was spent fishing and sunbathing.

Christmas, to me, is also strongly associated with the sound of bees and the smell of honey. When I was a boy we often spent the day at my uncle's apiary in Canterbury. Just at that

time the new season's honey is coming in, and after having Christmas dinner outdoors under the peach trees we would pay a ritual visit to the extracting house at the other end of the estate, where the air was aromatic with the scent from the new combs and the tanks were full of liquid gold.

I have had many outdoor Christmases in New Zealand — camping, fishing, sunbathing — from the Tarawera hills to Queen Charlotte Sounds, and all of them blissfully far from hot roast turkey and Christmas pudding.

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| 6:45 Manitoba on Parade | 9:00 CBC News |
| 7:00 CBC News, Weather and Marine Forecast | 9:10 Weather |
| 7:05 Manitoba on Parade | 9:15 Kindergarten of the Air |
| 7:30 CBC News, Weather | 9:30 Ruth Harding |
| 7:40 Family Worship | 9:35 Morning Devotions |
| 7:45 Morning Concert | 9:45 Kay O'Neill |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:00 Road of Life |
| 8:05 Weather | 10:15 Rosemary |
| 8:07 Sports Report | 10:30 Your Good Neighbour |
| 8:15 Breakfast Club | 10:45 Laura Limited |
| 8:45 Melody Highlight | 11:00 BBC News |
| 8:50 Piano Personalities | 11:15 Aunt Lucy |
| | 11:30 Brave Voyage |

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1953

CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

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| 11:45 Platter Party | 1:10 Weather |
| 11:59 Dominion Time Signal | 1:15 The Happy Gang |
| 12:00 Messages, Marine Forecast and Road Report | 1:45 Hoedown Haven |
| 12:15 Farm Broadcast | 2:00 Life Can Be Beautiful |
| 12:45 Jimmy Shields | 2:15 Ma Perkins |
| 1:00 CBC News | 2:30 Pepper Young |
| | 2:45 Right to Happiness |
| | 3:00 Records at Random |

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| 3:30 Trans-Canada Matinee | 7:00 Public Eye |
| 4:15 Concert Hour | 7:30 Mr. Showbusiness |
| 5:00 Starbuck Valley Winter | 8:00 Arthur Godfrey |
| 5:15 Roundabout | 8:30 Twenty Questions |
| 5:30 International Commentary | 9:00 CBC National News |
| 5:35 The Lennicks | 9:15 News Roundup |
| 6:00 Here and There | 9:30 Leicester Square |
| 6:15 Barney Potts | 10:00 A Saviour is Born |
| 6:30 CBC News, Weather | 10:15 Canadiana |
| 6:45 Bob Moir's Sports Parade | 10:30 Here Comes the Band |
| | 11:00 Manitoba Playhouse |
| | 11:30 Vancouver Theatre |
| | 12:00 CBC News, Weather |

CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

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| 6:45 Weather, Clockwatcher | 9:00 Road of Life |
| 7:00 CBC News | 9:15 Rosemary |
| 7:05 Weather, Interlude | 9:30 Your Good Neighbour |
| 7:15 Breakfast Club | 9:45 Laura Limited |
| 7:45 Western Time | 10:00 BBC News |
| 7:55 Family Worship | 10:15 Aunt Lucy |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:30 Kindergarten of the Air |
| 8:10 Weather, Scoreboard | 10:45 Morning Devotions |
| 8:15 Hello Saskatchewan | 10:55 Interlude |
| 8:45 Jean Hinds | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal |

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| 11:00 Timely Tunes | 1:45 Right to Happiness |
| 11:15 The Happy Gang | 2:00 Records at Random |
| 11:45 Jimmy Shields | 2:30 Trans-Canada Matinee |
| 12:00 CBC News | 3:15 Concert Hour |
| 12:10 Weather | 4:00 Brave Voyage |
| 12:15 Farm Broadcast | 4:15 Musical Program |
| 12:45 Musical Program | 4:30 Musical Program |
| 1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful | 5:00 Musical Program |
| 1:15 Ma Perkins | 5:15 Barney Potts |
| 1:30 Pepper Young | 5:30 The Oriole's Nest |

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| 5:45 Sleepytime Story Teller | 8:15 News Roundup |
| 6:00 CBC News, Weather | 8:30 Leicester Square |
| 6:15 International Commentary | 9:00 A Saviour is Born |
| 6:20 Interlude | 9:15 Canadiana |
| 6:30 The Lennicks | 9:30 Twenty Questions |
| 6:55 Interlude | 10:00 Mr. Showbusiness |
| 7:00 Arthur Godfrey | 10:30 Vancouver Theatre |
| 7:30 Public Eye | 11:00 CBC News, Weather |
| 8:00 CBC National News | 11:15 Four Gentlemen |
| | 11:30 Here Comes the Band |

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

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| 6:45 Rise and Shine | 9:00 Road of Life |
| 7:00 CBC News | 9:15 Rosemary |
| 7:05 Weather, Road Report | 9:30 Your Good Neighbour |
| 7:15 Breakfast Club | 9:45 Laura Limited |
| 7:45 Glen Barnson, Sports | 10:00 BBC News |
| 7:55 Family Worship | 10:15 Aunt Lucy |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:30 Kindergarten of the Air |
| 8:10 Weather | 10:45 Morning Devotions |
| 8:15 Earlybird | 10:55 Interlude |
| 8:45 Betty Tomlinson | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal |

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| 11:00 Timely Tunes | 1:45 Right to Happiness |
| 11:15 The Happy Gang | 2:00 Records at Random |
| 11:45 Jimmy Shields | 2:30 Trans-Canada Matinee |
| 12:00 CBC News | 3:15 Concert Hour |
| 12:10 Weather | 4:00 Brave Voyage |
| 12:15 Farm Broadcast | 4:15 Musical Program |
| 12:45 Western Rhythms | 4:30 Alberta Memos |
| 1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful | 5:00 Musical Program |
| 1:15 Ma Perkins | 5:15 Barney Potts |
| 1:30 Pepper Young | 5:30 The Oriole's Nest |

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| 5:45 Sleepytime Story Teller | 8:15 News Roundup |
| 6:00 CBC News, Weather | 8:30 Leicester Square |
| 6:15 International Commentary | 9:00 A Saviour is Born |
| 6:20 Evening Sports | 9:15 Canadiana |
| 6:30 The Lennicks | 9:30 Twenty Questions |
| 6:55 On CBC Tonight | 10:00 Mr. Showbusiness |
| 7:00 Arthur Godfrey | 10:30 Vancouver Theatre |
| 7:30 Public Eye | 11:00 CBC News, Weather |
| 8:00 CBC National News | 11:15 Four Gentlemen |
| | 11:30 Here Comes the Band |

CBC DOMINION (MST)

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| 8:15 Hope for the Ladies (9:15 a.m. CST Man.) | 2:55 Anne Marshall | 8:00 The Eustace Diamonds | 9:00 Dominion News |
| 11:00 Hope for the Ladies (Sask. and Alta.) | 6:30 The Nine Lessons (7:30 p.m. CST Man.) | 8:30 Music in Our Time (9:30 p.m. CST Man.) | 9:15 U.N. Today |
| 2:30 Double or Nothing | 7:30 CBC Concert Hall (8:30 p.m. CST Man.) | 8:30 CBC Concert Hall (Sask. and Alta.) | 9:30 Return Journey |
| | | | 10:30 The Nine Lessons (Sask. and Alta.) |

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TRANS-CANADA MATINEE. Today: What's New in Fashion—Thelma LeCocq; The Metre Reader—Tommy Tweed; Canadian Kitchens—Mrs. J. Humphrey Jones; News Commentary—Constance Garneau; Songs—Joyce Sullivan.
W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

CONCERT HOUR. Program of recordings. From Winnipeg. Today: Dicken's *Christmas Carol* with Basil Rathbone as Scrooge. The program concludes with familiar carols.
W-4:30 p.m. K-3:30 p.m. X-3:30 p.m.

JUBILEE ROAD. Mary Grannan's play-series about the adventures of three children in a small town will show where determination lands them

when they set out on a large-scale project. Having learned that they can acquire a pony for Christmas by collecting 600 wrappers from Star Bubble soap, they dream up all sorts of unusual schemes to bring them nearer to their goal. The outcome will be revealed this afternoon. From Toronto.
W-5:00 p.m. K-5:30 p.m. X-5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS STORIES. Tonight's story *The Clown of God*, tells how a group of wandering musicians in Normandy made a statue of the Virgin smile with their songs and dances. Maimie Simpson, who tells this Christmas story, is Dean of Women at the University of Alberta.
K-7:00 p.m. X-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 24, W-7:15 p.m.

CBC Wednesday Night

CBC SYMPHONY. CBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Waddington. From Toronto.
Pineapple Poll Suite, arranged by Charles Mackenan from Gilbert and Sullivan Suite, John Field.
W-7:30 p.m. K-8:30 p.m. X-8:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS READINGS. Andrew Allan, Budd Knapp and John Drainie will present Christmas readings from contemporary, 19th, 17th and 14th century works. The Canadian works to be read, Allan says, will be more interesting for their historical than for their literary qualities; they date back to the beginnings of our country.
W-8:30 p.m. K-9:30 p.m. X-9:30 p.m.

THE JOYOUS MYSTERY. *The Joyous Mystery*, a nativity opera in three acts with words and music by the Italian Nino Cattozzo. It will be sung in English by the Royal Conservatory Opera Company (in co-operation with the Opera Festival Association). The orchestra will be conducted by Ernesto Barbini. From Toronto.
Soloists: Louise Roy, James Milligan, Trudy Carlyle, Leslie Zubrack, Mary Morrison, Lavone Skaven, Sylvia Grant, Catherine Akos, Nellie Smith and Roma Butler.
W-9:30 p.m. K-10:00 p.m. X-10:00 p.m.

THE SPIRIT OF DICKENS. Ronald Hambleton will consider Charles Dickens as "the inventor of Christmas," a reputation he gained through his novel, *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens wrote four other novels about Christmas which go pretty well unread, although most people are familiar with the title of one—*The Cricket on the Hearth*. Hambleton has just re-read it, as well as the other four, in an effort to find out why all but *A Christmas Carol* are virtually forgotten. Among other things, he found what he calls "the ghost of Christmas-that-never-was." From Toronto.
W-10:30 p.m. K-11:15 p.m. X-11:15 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS. A BBC-transcribed Even-song service by the St. Paul's Cathedral Choristers under Dr. John Dykes-Bower.
W-10:45 p.m. K-11:30 p.m. X-11:30 p.m.

Sleigh Ride

Wishing will do wonders sometimes, and with the use of a little imagination almost anything is possible—even a sleigh ride in Vancouver. So, on Christmas Day, listeners can tune in on this miracle. Here are some of the participants: Maestro Ricky Hyslop holding the reins; behind him singing stars Betty Phillips, Juliette and Harry Mossfield. And coming up behind the sleigh, Barney Potts. To round out the affair, the Dreamers and the Rhythm Pals will be on hand with their own inimitable arrangements of popular and western tunes appropriate to the season.



Western Music.—Western Canada has contributed many programs of light music to CBC networks. Some regular broadcasts are Curtain Melodies, the Bob McMullin program, the Prairie Schooner, Cafe Continental, Here Comes the Band, Here's Juliette, Stu Davis, Sons of the Saddle, and Rhythm Pals.

CBC News Roundup.—CBC News Roundup brings first-hand coverage of international and domestic events to listeners five nights a week.

| Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1953 | | | |
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| CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST) | | | |
| 6:45 Manitoba on Parade | 9:00 CBC News | 11:45 Eddy Arnold | 1:15 The Happy Gang |
| 7:00 CBC News, Weather | 9:10 Weather | 11:59 Dominion Time Signal | 1:45 Smiley Burnette |
| 7:05 Manitoba on Parade and Marine Forecast | 9:15 Kindergarten of the Air | 12:00 Messages, Marine Forecast and Road Report | 2:00 Life Can Be Beautiful |
| 7:30 CBC News, Weather | 9:30 Ruth Harding | 10:15 Rosemary | 2:15 Ma Perkins |
| 7:40 Family Worship | 9:35 Morning Devotions | 10:30 Your Good Neighbour | 2:30 Pepper Young |
| 7:45 Morning Concert | 9:45 Kay O'Neill | 10:45 Laura Limited | 2:45 Right to Happiness |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:00 Road of Life | 11:00 BBC News | 3:00 Records at Random |
| 8:05 Weather | 10:15 Rosemary | 11:15 Aunt Lucy | 3:30 Trans-Canada Matinee |
| 8:07 Sports Report | 10:30 Your Good Neighbour | 11:30 Brave Voyage | 4:15 Guest Appearance |
| 8:15 Breakfast Club | 10:45 Laura Limited | | |
| 8:45 Melody Highlight | 11:00 BBC News | | |
| 8:50 Piano Personalities | 11:15 Aunt Lucy | | |
| | 11:30 Brave Voyage | | |
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| CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST) | | | |
| 6:45 Weather, Clockwatcher | 9:00 Road of Life | 11:00 Timely Tunes | 1:45 Right to Happiness |
| 7:00 CBC News | 9:15 Rosemary | 11:15 The Happy Gang | 2:00 Records at Random |
| 7:05 Weather, Interlude | 9:30 Your Good Neighbour | 11:45 Musical Kitchen | 2:30 Trans-Canada Matinee |
| 7:15 Breakfast Club | 9:45 Laura Limited | 12:00 CBC News | 3:15 Guest Appearance |
| 7:45 Clockwatcher | 10:00 BBC News | 12:10 Weather | 3:30 Concert Hour |
| 7:55 Family Worship | 10:15 Aunt Lucy | 12:15 Farm Broadcast | 4:00 Brave Voyage |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:30 Kindergarten of the Air | 12:45 Musical Program | 4:15 Musical Program |
| 8:10 Weather, Scoreboard | 10:45 Morning Devotions | 1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful | 4:30 Musical Program |
| 8:15 Hello Saskatchewan | 10:55 Interlude | 1:15 Ma Perkins | 5:00 Musical Program |
| 8:45 Jean Hinds | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal | 1:30 Pepper Young | 5:15 What's New? |
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| CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST) | | | |
| 6:45 Rise and Shine | 9:15 Rosemary | 11:15 The Happy Gang | 2:00 Records at Random |
| 7:00 CBC News | 9:30 Your Good Neighbour | 11:45 Musical Kitchen | 2:30 Trans-Canada Matinee |
| 7:05 Weather, Road Report | 9:45 Laura Limited | 12:00 CBC News | 3:15 Guest Appearance |
| 7:15 Breakfast Club | 10:00 BBC News | 12:10 Weather | 3:30 Concert Hour |
| 7:45 Glen Bjarnson, Sports | 10:15 Aunt Lucy | 12:15 Farm Broadcast | 4:00 Brave Voyage |
| 7:55 Family Worship | 10:30 Kindergarten of the Air | 12:45 Smiley Burnette | 4:15 Musical Program |
| 8:00 CBC News | 10:45 Morning Devotions | 1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful | 4:30 Alberta Memos |
| 8:10 Weather | 10:55 Interlude | 1:15 Ma Perkins | 5:00 Musical Program |
| 8:15 Earlybird | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal | 1:30 Pepper Young | 5:15 What's New? |
| 8:45 Betty Tomlinson | 11:00 Timely Tunes | 1:45 Right to Happiness | 5:30 Jubilee Road |
| 9:00 Road of Life | | | |
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| CBC DOMINION (MST) | | | |
| 8:15 Hope for the Ladies (9:15 a.m. CST Man.) | 2:30 Double or Nothing | 7:15 Three Suns | 9:00 Dominion News |
| 11:00 Hope for the Ladies (Sask. and Alta.) | 2:55 Anne Marshall | 7:30 Let's Make Music | 9:15 Frank Sinatra |
| | 7:00 It Happened Here | 8:00 Great Gildersleeve | 9:30 Voice of the Army |
| | | 8:30 Over To You | |

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CONCERT HOUR. Program of recordings. From Winnipeg. Today: music of George Frederick Handel including selections from *The Messiah*.
K-3:15 p.m. X-3:15 p.m.

TRANS-CANADA MATINEE. Today: What's New at U.N.—Ada Siegel; School for Parents—Your Child Studies the Arts—Dr. S. R. Laycock; Story—Against the Snow, by Robert Blackburn; News Commentary—Constance Garneau; Songs—Joyce Sullivan. Robert Blackburn's short story, *Against the Snow*, will be a *Trans-Canada Matinee* feature on Christmas Eve. The scene is a church Christmas concert in a small Canadian community. An unintentional error on Santa's list threatens to leave one child with his faith badly shaken. A surprising amount of suspense is built up before the Christmas spirit dissolves the problem.
W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

THE SNOWFLAKE CHILDREN. Story written by Bruce Raymond, and based on characters created by the Danish writer, Jens Hanson. From Montreal. Once upon a time, Santa Claus was very sad. He had finished his annual visit to the Christmas trees of the world and as his empty sleigh carried him back to the North Pole, a tear glistened in the corner of his eye. But why was Santa sad? Well, he felt that all year long he slaved at his workbench making toys for little boys and girls and the only time he heard from them or saw them, was at Christmas. He wanted a little boy or girl who would love him summer and winter alike. This was more than his reindeer could stand, especially Comet, the youngest, and right under Santa's very nose, they hatched a plot to give Santa a Christmas Day present of a boy and girl. Alan Mills and Irene Salemkka will play and sing the roles of Santa Claus and the Snow Queen

respectively, and Roger Newman will be heard as Comet.

W-4:30 p.m. K-4:45 p.m. X-4:45 p.m.

THE CHERRY TREE. Replacing *Cross Section* on this Christmas Eve is *The Cherry Tree*, a warm, cheerful BBC program about the "tree" of Christian society. It blends the friendliness and colour of traditional Christmas music with thoughts on the beliefs from which it springs.
Dom. 9:30 p.m. MST

HART HOUSE GLEE CLUB. A program of Christmas music directed by Ward McAdam. From Toronto.
W-10:15 p.m. K-11:15 p.m. X-11:15 p.m.

WINNIPEG DRAMA. *The Reluctant Martyr*, by Isobel McFadden, deals with the story of Shadrak, Meshak and Abednigo—not so much, indeed, with the predicament of these three stalwarts as it is recounted in the Old Testament, but rather with the times, the characters, and the intrigues surrounding their adventure in the fiery furnace. Isobel McFadden has invented and introduced several interesting characters to support and expand the Biblical story. Emrys Jones, producer. From Winnipeg.
W-10:30 p.m. K-10:30 p.m. X-10:30 p.m.

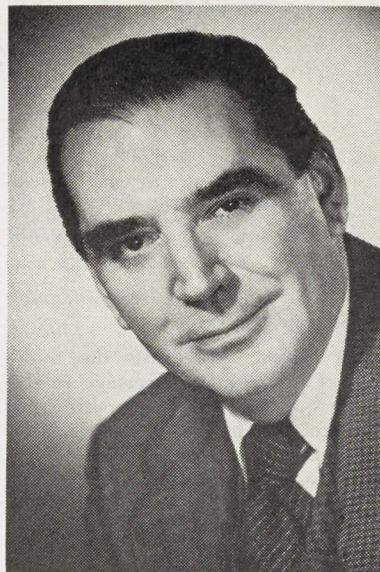
VANCOUVER CONCERT. Two contemporary composers—an American and an Englishman—will be represented on tonight's broadcast by the CBC Vancouver Concert Orchestra under the direction of John Avison.

Magnificat (Norman Dello Joio); Overture to the Wasps (Ralph Vaughan Williams).
The *Magnificat*, written in 1943, won for its composer a Town Hall award. It is based on the original plainsong chant associated with the vesper service. The Vaughan Williams work was incidental music for the play, *The Wasps*, by Aristophanes, written for a production at Cambridge in 1909.
W-11:00 p.m. K-10:00 p.m. X-10:00 p.m.

CBC Commentators

III—J. B. McGeachy

WHEN his friends are asked to say, in a word, what constitutes the essential charm and humanity of James Burns McGeachy, well-known CBC radio and television commentator and famous Canadian journalist, an argument usually ensues. One refers to his extraordinary scholarship, his broad knowledge, both of life and



J. B. McGeachy

literature; another says simply "detachment," his ability to be in, but not of a company or community, and to keep apart somewhere a rich stream of life and thought which goes on unimpaired in spite of external circumstances; a third goes deeper, and says it is something nearly allied to plain courage, the "magnificent nonchalance with which he flings away his small patrimony of life from day to day."

Whatever it may be, J. B. McGeachy, Scottish scholar and jour-

alist, born in Glasgow in 1899, has become one of the prominent personalities of Canadian radio and television, as he was of British radio in the war days, when he worked on BBC through the worst of the blitz.

Mr. McGeachy came to Canada in 1913, at the age of 14, settling in Saskatoon. He was graduated in arts from the University of Saskatchewan, later took an M.A. at Toronto, and did further post-graduate work at Princeton. Though he won a Rhodes Scholarship, he did not take it up, and Oxford's hallowed halls saw him only as a visitor.

Mr. McGeachy's journalistic career began in Saskatoon, and continued in Winnipeg, in Ottawa, in Washington, and in London, as an editorial writer and political correspondent.

After the outbreak of the second world war, he joined the BBC, and there originated the famous "BBC Newsreel," which brought more cheer to people overseas during the dark days than almost any other influence, with the possible exception of Winston Churchill. As chief commentator for the BBC Overseas Service, he broadcast daily to many parts of the world. In 1941, he visited Canada and the United States as a BBC commentator, covering war effort activities in both countries.

Mr. McGeachy returned to newspaper work in Toronto in 1946, and is now an associate editor on a Toronto daily. For some years he has been a regular contributor to the CBC's Weekend Review and CBC News Roundup programs. He is also the moderator of a quiz program, Now I Ask You, and is very busy on television.

His home is a quiet one, in a Toronto suburb. Music has been a favourite diversion all his life. He is a gifted pianist, and a tireless student of the musical classics.

6:45 Manitoba on Parade
7:00 CBC News, Weather and Marine Forecast
7:05 Manitoba on Parade
7:30 CBC News, Weather
7:40 Family Worship
7:45 Morning Concert
8:00 CBC News
8:05 Weather
8:07 Sports Report
8:15 Breakfast Club
8:45 Melody Highlights
8:50 Piano Personalities

9:00 CBC News
9:10 Weather
9:15 Kindergarten of the Air
9:30 Ruth Harding
9:35 Morning Devotions
9:45 Kay O'Neill
10:00 Road of Life
10:15 Rosemary
10:30 Your Good Neighbour
10:45 Laura Limited
11:00 BBC News
11:15 Aunt Lucy
11:30 Brave Voyage

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1953

CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

11:45 Platter Party
11:59 Dominion Time Signal
12:00 Messages, Marine Forecast and Road Report
12:15 Farm Broadcast
12:45 Jimmy Shields
1:00 CBC News

1:10 Weather
1:15 The Happy Gang
1:45 Hoedown Haven
2:00 Life Can Be Beautiful
2:15 Ma Perkins
2:30 Pepper Young
2:45 Right to Happiness
3:00 Records at Random

3:30 Trans-Canada Matinee
4:15 Musical Program
4:30 Snowflake Children
5:00 Hudson Bay Express
5:15 Talking to Teens
5:30 International Commentary
5:35 The Lennicks
6:00 Forecast for Christmas
6:15 As Tunes Go By
6:30 CBC News, Weather
6:45 Bob Moir's Sports Parade

7:00 Musical Program
7:15 Christmas Stories
7:30 Father Knows Best
8:00 John and Judy
8:30 Wayne and Shuster
9:00 CBC National News
9:15 News Roundup
9:30 Christmas Nocturne
10:00 A Saviour is Born
10:15 Hart House Glee Club
10:30 Winnipeg Drama
11:00 Vancouver Concert
11:30 Eventide
12:00 CBC News, Weather

6:45 Weather, Clockwatcher
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8:15 Hello Saskatchewan
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9:45 Laura Limited
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10:55 Interlude
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CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

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11:45 Jimmy Shields
12:00 CBC News
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12:15 Farm Broadcast
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1:00 Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15 Ma Perkins
1:30 Pepper Young

1:45 Right to Happiness
2:00 Records at Random
2:30 Trans-Canada Matinee
3:15 Concert Hour
4:00 Brave Voyage
4:15 Musical Program
4:30 Musical Program
4:45 Snowflake Children
5:15 As Tunes Go By
5:30 Hudson Bay Express

5:45 Talking to Teens
6:00 CBC News, Weather
6:15 International Commentary
6:20 Interlude
6:30 Father Knows Best
7:00 John and Judy
7:30 Wayne and Shuster
8:00 CBC National News
8:15 News Roundup
8:30 Eventide

9:00 A Saviour is Born
9:15 Christmas Nocturne
9:45 People, Places and Books
10:00 Vancouver Concert
10:30 Winnipeg Drama
11:00 CBC News, Weather
11:15 Hart House Glee Club
11:30 Forecast for Christmas
11:45 The Night Before Christmas

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

6:45 Rise and Shine
7:00 CBC News
7:05 Weather, Road Report
7:15 Breakfast Club
7:45 Glen Bjarnson, Sports
7:55 Family Worship
8:00 CBC News
8:10 Weather
8:15 Earlybird
8:45 Betty Tomlinson

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4:45 Snowflake Children
5:15 As Tunes Go By
5:30 Hudson Bay Express

5:45 Talking to Teens
6:00 CBC News, Weather
6:15 International Commentary
6:20 Interlude
6:30 Father Knows Best
7:00 John and Judy
7:30 Wayne and Shuster
8:00 CBC National News
8:15 News Roundup
8:30 Eventide

9:00 A Saviour is Born
9:15 Christmas Nocturne
9:45 People, Places and Books
10:00 Vancouver Concert
10:30 Winnipeg Drama
11:00 CBC News, Weather
11:15 Hart House Glee Club
11:30 Forecast for Christmas
11:45 The Night Before Christmas

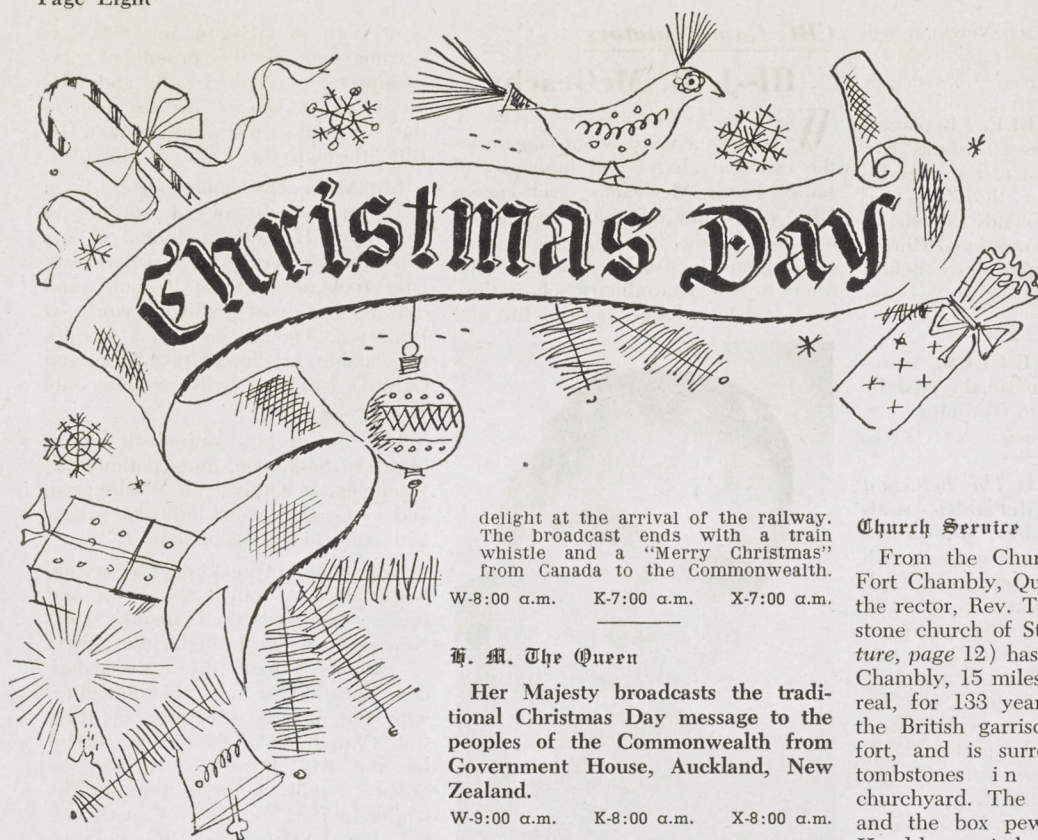
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8:15 Hope for the Ladies (9:15 a.m. CST Man.)
11:00 Hope for the Ladies (Sask. and Alta.)
2:30 Double or Nothing
2:55 Anne Marshall

7:00 Suspense (8:00 p.m. CST Man.)
7:30 McGill University Choir
8:00 Court of Opinion
8:30 Musical Program (9:30 p.m. CST Man.)

8:30 Suspense (Sask. and Alta.)
9:00 Dominion News
9:15 Al Bollington
9:30 The Cherry Tree

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delight at the arrival of the railway. The broadcast ends with a train whistle and a "Merry Christmas" from Canada to the Commonwealth.

W-8:00 a.m. K-7:00 a.m. X-7:00 a.m.

H. M. The Queen

Her Majesty broadcasts the traditional Christmas Day message to the peoples of the Commonwealth from Government House, Auckland, New Zealand.

W-9:00 a.m. K-8:00 a.m. X-8:00 a.m.

The Carillon

Recital by Robert Donnell, Dominion carillonneur. From the Peace Tower, Ottawa.

Joy to the World; I Wonder As I Wander; The First Noel; Silent Night; The Holly and the Ivy; Adeste Fideles.

W-9:15 a.m. K-8:15 a.m. X-8:15 a.m.

The Windsor Singers

CBC Windsor Singers, Walter McNutt, organist and conductor. From All Saints Anglican Church, Windsor, Ontario.

Ding, Dong, Merrily On High; Was-sail Song; Boar's Head Carol; A Merry Christmas; The Coventry Carol; Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine; The Holly and the Ivy; O Come, All Ye Faithful.

W-9:30 a.m. K-8:30 a.m. X-8:30 a.m.

Church Service

From the Church of St. Stephen, Fort Chambly, Quebec, conducted by the rector, Rev. T. L. F. Beattie. The stone church of St. Stephen (see picture, page 12) has stood near old Fort Chambly, 15 miles southeast of Montreal, for 133 years. It was built for the British garrison at the adjoining fort, and is surrounded by ancient tombstones in a beautifully-kept churchyard. The building is colonial and the box pews are still in use. Hand-hewn timbers can still be seen. Fort Chambly was built with native timber in 1665 by Captain Jacques de Chambly of the Regiment de Carignan, as a stronghold against the Iroquois, and was rebuilt in stone in 1709. New England settlers who survived the massacre of Deerhorn were imprisoned there. Land for a church, parsonage, schoolhouse and churchyard was given by the British government, along with a donation of £200, a considerable sum in those days. The only condition was that the gallery of the church should be reserved for garrison troops.

W-10:00 a.m. K-9:00 a.m. X-9:00 a.m.

Ceremony of The Carols

Bishop Strachan School Chapel Choir, conducted by John Hodgins; Donna Hossack, harpist. From Toronto. Choir and harpist will perform

Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of the Carols*. Words and music of this unusual modern work recall the old English Christmas tradition, but the harmonies are modern and there are many surprises in the score. The forty-voice girls' choir toured England last spring.

W-10:30 a.m. K-9:30 a.m. X-9:30 a.m.

BBC News

From BBC, London. Today's news broadcast will be followed by a special Christmas commentary by Sam Pollock.

W-11:00 a.m. K-10:00 a.m. X-10:00 a.m.

Chairman's Greetings

A message to radio listeners from the Chairman of the CBC Board of Governors, Mr. A. Davidson Dunton of Ottawa.

W-11:15 a.m. K-10:15 a.m. X-10:15 a.m.

Program Summary

A summary by the CBC Press and Information Service of the afternoon and evening programs for Christmas Day.

W-11:25 a.m. K-10:25 a.m. X-10:25 a.m.

The Shantymen

A Halifax male chorus under Leonard Mayoh, in a program of nautical music.

W-11:30 a.m. K-10:30 a.m. X-10:30 a.m.

Christmas At Twillingate

From St. John's, Newfoundland. Twillingate is an important fishing settlement in Notre Dame Bay, 175 air-miles north of St. John's. It was first settled in 1700. Neighbouring settlements at Hart's Cove, Jenkins' Cove, and Sandy Cove, also join in this Christmas celebration.

W-12:15 p.m. K-11:15 a.m. X-11:15 a.m.

St. John's Glee Club

Glee Club of St. John's, Newfoundland, a capella choir of 80 voices directed by Eleanor Jerrett. A program of Russian, Czech and French carols, and The Bird's Carol by Alfred Whitehead of Toronto.

W-12:45 p.m. K-11:45 a.m. X-11:45 a.m.

Introduction To Christmas Day

Program Preview.

W-7:45 a.m. K-6:45 a.m. X-6:45 a.m.

The Queen's Journey

Under this title will be heard the annual round-the-world broadcast of Commonwealth greetings, produced this year for the first time outside the United Kingdom. From Sydney, Australia. (See special article, page 2).

Western Canada's contribution to the world-wide broadcast comes from Lynn Lake, Manitoba, where L. B. McIlhagga of CBC Special Events tells of the wholesale removal of the town from Sherridon, 160 miles away, by tractor train and airplane. He also brings to the microphone Mrs. Violet Cochrane, wife of a Lynn Lake pilot, who tells of her life in the northern mining centre, and her

Friday, Dec. 25, 1953

CBW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

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| 7:40 Interlude, Weather | 11:00 BBC News | 5:00 CBC News | 9:10 H.M. the Queen |
| 7:45 Introduction to Christmas Day | 11:15 The Chairman's Greetings | 5:10 Weather | 9:20 Interlude |
| 7:55 CBC News | 11:25 Program Review | 5:15 Christmas in Europe | 9:30 The Queen's Journey |
| 8:00 The Queen's Journey | 11:30 The Shantymen | 5:30 Rawhide | 9:30 The Queen's Journey |
| 9:00 H.M. the Queen | 11:59 Dominion Time Signal | 6:00 Dickens by the Fire | 10:30 Sleigh Ride |
| 9:15 The Carillon | 12:00 CBC News | 6:30 Servicemen's Christmas Card | 11:00 Prairie Schooner Christmas Party |
| 9:30 The Windsor Singers | 12:10 Weather | 7:30 Toronto Pop Concert | 11:30 The Christmas Story |
| 10:00 Church Service | 12:15 Christmas at Twillingate | 8:30 Songs of My People | 12:10 CBC News |
| 10:30 Ceremony of the Carols | | 9:00 CBC National News | 12:15 Northern Messenger |

CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

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| 6:40 Interlude, Weather | 9:00 Church Service | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal | 1:45 Christmas Memories | 4:15 Christmas in Europe | 8:10 H.M. the Queen |
| 6:45 Introduction to Christmas Day | 9:30 Ceremony of the Carols | 11:00 CBC News | 2:00 Children's Party | 4:30 Rawhide | 8:20 Interlude |
| 6:55 CBC News | 10:00 BBC News | 11:10 Weather | 2:30 Children of the Commonwealth | 5:00 Dickens by the Fire | 8:30 Toronto Pop Concert |
| 7:00 The Queen's Journey | 10:15 The Chairman's Greetings | 11:15 Christmas at Twillingate | 3:30 Christmas in Bad Aussee | 5:30 Servicemen's Christmas Card | 9:30 Sleigh Ride |
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| 8:15 The Carillon | 10:30 The Shantymen | 12:00 The Tailor of Gloucester | 4:10 Weather | 7:30 Songs of My People | 10:30 The Christmas Story |
| 8:30 The Windsor Singers | | 12:30 Ballet Music | | 8:00 CBC National News | 11:10 CBC News |

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

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| 6:40 Interlude, Weather | 9:00 Church Service | 10:59 Dominion Time Signal | 12:30 Ballet Music | 4:10 Weather | 8:10 H.M. the Queen |
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CBC DOMINION (MST)

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| 7:00 The Queen's Journey | 5:30 Servicemen's Christmas Card | 7:30 H.M. the Queen |
| 8:00 H.M. the Queen | 6:30 Songs of the Nations | 8:00 Sports Review |
| 8:15 The Carillon | 7:00 Carol for Canada | 8:30 Earle Terry Singers |
| 11:00 Musical Program (Sask. and Alta.) | | 9:00 Dominion News |

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The Tailor of Gloucester

Radio adaptation of the story by Beatrix Potter. From BBC, London. The poor little tailor has trouble finishing a magnificent silk robe for the Mayor of Gloucester to wear at his wedding on Christmas Day.

W-1:00 p.m. K-12:00 noon X-12:00 noon

Ballet Music

Recorded program from Toronto.

Graduation Ball Suite (Johann Strauss); Copelia Suite (Leo Delibes).

W-1:30 p.m. K-12:30 p.m. X-12:30 p.m.

Christmas Memories

Gregory Clark, Toronto humourist and raconteur, talks about Canadian Christmas from earliest times to the present day.

W-2:45 p.m. K-1:45 p.m. X-1:45 p.m.

Children's Party

Guy Mauffette of Montreal, with English and French-speaking guests. The versatile Guy mixes up his best Christmas party recipe, with gifts, dancing, singing, and much talk around the Christmas tree as tales are told of the wonder of Santa Claus's coming. The surprise package will contain a noted personality to delight the heart of every child.

W-3:00 p.m. K-2:00 p.m. X-2:00 p.m.

Children of the Commonwealth

Children from Great Britain, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Canada tell how they spend Christmas Day. A CBC-transcribed feature. The CBC has also sent a recording of the program to each contributing country for use on Christmas Day.

W-3:30 p.m. K-2:30 p.m. X-2:30 p.m.

Christmas in Bad Aussee

From his native village in Austria, Charles Wasserman, well-known CBC contributor, presents a group of school children in their annual Christmas program of songs, carols, and recitals.

W-4:30 p.m. K-3:30 p.m. X-3:30 p.m.

Christmas in Europe

A report by Matthew Halton, CBC overseas correspondent.

W-5:15 p.m. K-4:15 p.m. X-4:15 p.m.

Rawhide

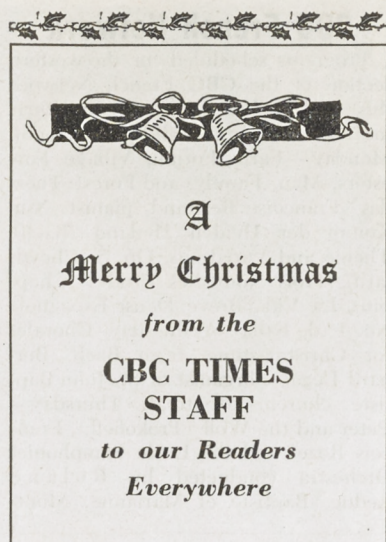
That man again! CBC's Max Ferguson and the friends who live in his imagination and vocal chords.

W-5:30 p.m. K-4:30 p.m. X-4:30 p.m.

Dickens by the Fire

Eminent entertainers read favourite selections from Charles Dickens; Rooney Pelletier, host; music by William Alwyn, performed by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Muir Matheson. From BBC, London.

Margaret Rutherford: Chapter 25 of *Barnaby Rudge*; Cecil Truncer: from Chapter 31 of *Great Expectations*; Claire Bloom: from Chapter 16, *Dombey and Son*; Eric Portman: *Mr. Micawber's Declaration of Principles* from *David Copperfield*; Margaret Leighton: from *Barnaby Rudge*, and *A Christmas Carol*; Leo



Genn: who joins the others in Mr. Jingle and the Spinster Aunt from *The Pickwick Papers*, and the Execution of Sydney Carton and *The Little Seamstress*, from *A Tale of Two Cities*.

W-6:00 p.m. K-5:00 p.m. X-5:00 p.m.

Servicemen's Christmas Card

Variety show for servicemen abroad and in Canada, and their families at home; orchestra and chorus conducted by Mart Kenney; John Fisher, commentator; Frank Willis, producer. From Toronto and elsewhere.

From Newfoundland: Doyle bulletin; from the Maritimes: The Armdale Chorus, Don Messer and the Islanders, and a message from a Lunenburg fisherman; from Montreal: Alan Mills, Helene Ballargeon, The Art Morrow Singers; from Ottawa: Christmas message from the Minister of Defence; from Toronto: Mart Kenney, orchestra and chorus in a sketch, *The Christmas Mantelpiece*; from Winnipeg: Eric Wild and orchestra, Maxine Ware, vocalist; from Edmonton: Bob McMullin, orchestra, and Gabrielle Guy, vocalist; from Vancouver: Ricky Hyslop, orchestra, and Juliette, vocalist, dramatic sketch; from Toronto: Wayne and Shuster, comedians, and singing of *Adeste Fideles* by chorus with orchestra.

W-6:30 p.m. K-5:30 p.m. X-5:30 p.m.

Songs of The Nations

Orchestra and chorus under Morris Surdin, with soprano Doreen Hulme and basso Jan Rubes, in a program of Christmas music for the people of various ethnic groups who have come to settle in Canada. From Toronto.

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Toronto Pop Concert

Toronto Symphony Orchestra conducted by Paul Scherman; Riverdale Collegiate Choir, conducted by Dawson Woodburn. From Toronto.

A concert version of *Hansel and Gretel* (Humperdinck). *Hansel*—Margaret Stilwell; *Gretel*—Mary Morrison; *The Witch*—Jean-Marie Scott; *Mother*—Trudy Carlyle; *Father*—Andrew MacMillan.

W-7:30 p.m. K-8:30 p.m. X-8:30 p.m.

Songs of My People

Orchestra and chorus conducted by Ivan Rom-anoff; Jan Rubes, bass, master of ceremonies; guests. A special Christ-

mas Day production of this weekly program.

W-8:30 p.m. K-7:30 p.m. X-7:30 p.m.

Earle Terry Singers

From station CFPL in London, Ontario, the well-known mixed chorus in a varied program. The group toured Europe last summer.

Dom. 8:30 p.m. MST

H. M. The Queen

Repeat of Her Majesty's Christmas Day address.

W-9:10 p.m. K-8:10 p.m. X-8:10 p.m.

The Queen's Journey

Repeat of this morning's round-the-world program of greetings to Her Majesty.

W-9:30 p.m. K-6:30 p.m. X-6:30 p.m.

Sleigh Ride

Vancouver, which usually has a green Christmas, uses its imagination. Music and fun with Ricky Hyslop's orchestra, The Dreamers, The Rhythm Pals, Barney Potts, and vocalists Betty Phillips, Juliette, and Harry Mossfield. From Vancouver.

W-10:30 p.m. K-9:30 p.m. X-9:30 p.m.

Prairie Schooner Christmas Party

Orchestra conducted by Richard Seaborn; William Goertzen, baritone; mixed quartet—Nora McLean, soprano; Peggy Ann Trustcott, contralto; Brian Stewart, tenor; Colin Walley, bass; Michael Peterson, ukelele; script by Betty Marsh; T. M. Taylor, producer. From Winnipeg. The scene is set in a prairie farmhouse on Christmas Day. Mr. Macdonald, Scottish-Canadian farmer, and his wife Marie, a French-Canadian, are keeping open house. Visiting them are Sven, Swedish neighbour, and Mrs. Krochuk, Ukrainian neighbour. Dinner is over, and the 20-

lb. turkey has vanished. It is time for songs, dances, and merriment. Sven's heart is moved by old memories of Sweden. The young people sing Swedish, German, and English carols. Music of many lands is brought to celebrate this Canadian Christmas.

W-11:00 p.m. K-10:00 p.m. X-10:00 p.m.

The Christmas Story

Montreal Bach Choir and orchestra, conducted by George Little; Irene Salemka, soprano; Ken McAdam, tenor; Jan Simons, bass.

The Christmas Story, oratorio by Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672).

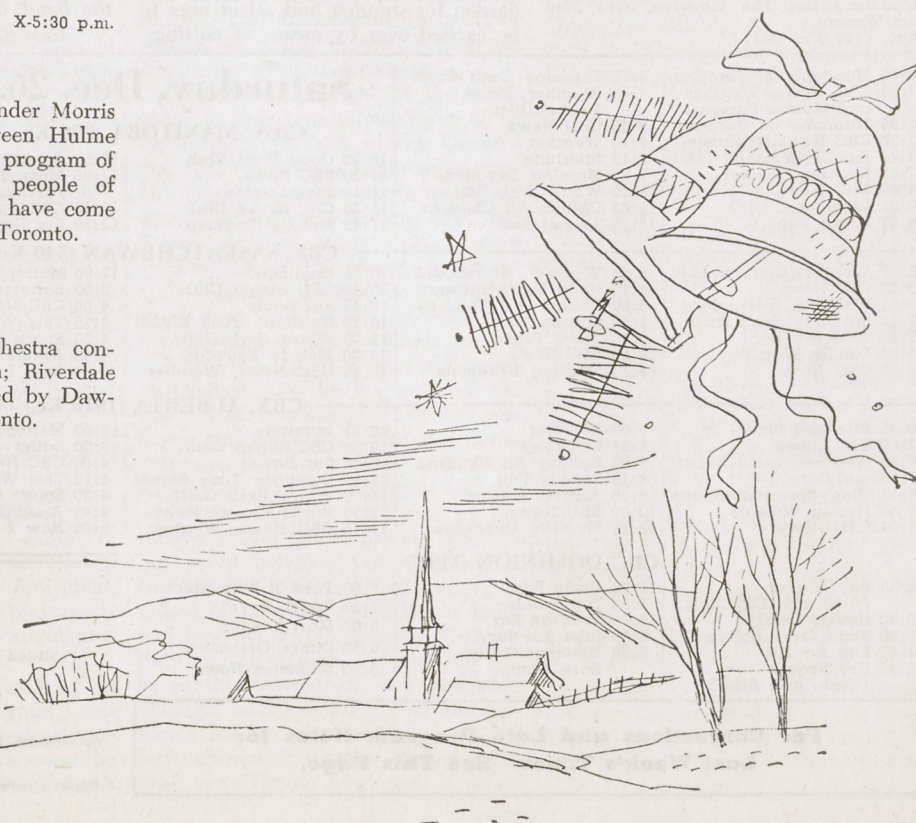
Heinrich Schutz was one of Bach's great precursors, credited with the introduction of the chorale, and known as composer of the first German opera, *Dafne*. His settings of the Passion are important and interesting. George Little's Bach Choir is dedicated to the task of presenting music in a style appropriate to the period in which it was written—doing for vocal music what Roland Leduc's Little Symphonies program does for instrumental. It has been heard on the CBC Trans Canada, French, and International Service networks. Its 25 members represent a variety of occupations, from stenographers to office managers. Most of them are also members of the Erskine and Memorial Church choir, also directed by Mr. Little.

W-11:30 p.m. K-10:30 p.m. X-10:30 p.m.

Northern Messenger

Messages to the Far North. As a special Christmas feature, there will be messages from the Eskimo and Indian patients at Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton, and the latest information on these patients from the superintendent of the hospital, Dr. W. L. Falconer.

W-12:15 a.m. K-11:15 p.m. X-11:15 p.m.



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STU DAVIS. Stu Davis, cowboy troubadour. From Calgary.

Golden Rocket; Little Blue Forget-Me-Not; Sassafras; God's Little Candles.

W-12:30 p.m. K-10:45 a.m. X-10:45 a.m.

METROPOLITAN OPERA. *The Marriage of Figaro* (Mozart), conducted by Fritz Stiedry, with soprano Irmgard Seefried, soprano Lisa Della Casa, mezzo-soprano Mildred Miller, basso Erich Kunz, baritone Frank Guarrera, and basso Salvatore Baccaloni. From ABC.

W-1:00 p.m. K-12:00 noon X-12:00 noon

THIS WEEK. Talk by Hugh W. Morrison, director of public relations for the Community Chest of Greater Toronto. From Toronto.

W-5:15 p.m. K-4:15 p.m. X-4:15 p.m.

NATIONAL GRAIN BARN DANCE. Orchestra conducted by Jake Park; Donna Andert and Jim Bass, vocalists. Alf Parr, producer. From Winnipeg.

Orchestra: Whalen's Breakdown; Pida Sobi Pohulaju Polka; Dumfries House; Smash the Window; Mason's Apron; Lomzynski Oberek; Tuggerman's Jig; Bride and Groom Reel. Donna Andert: Love Every Moment You Live; Why Don't You Love Me. Jim Bass: Bouquet of Roses; Nobody's Lonesome for Me.

Dom. 6:30 p.m. MST

Late Program Notes

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-19, 1953

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Lux Radio Theatre. Million Dollar Mermaid, starring Esther Williams and Walter Pidgeon.

W-8:00 p.m. K-7:00 p.m. X-7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

50th Anniversary of First Air Flight. A talk by J. A. D. McCurdy to mark the 50th anniversary of the first air flight.

Dom. 7:30 p.m. MST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

National Grain Barn Dance. Orchestra conducted by Jake Park; Donna Andert and Buddy Reynolds, vocalists. Alf Parr, producer. From Winnipeg. The Logger's Breakdown; Pa Paya Mama; Kanaryk Polka; Will Santa Come to Shanty Town; Ces McEachern's Jig; Rock Valley; Speed the Plough; The Golden Rocket; Christmas Dance in the Country; Ebenezer Scrooge; Goodwin's Jig; The Growing Old Man and Woman.

Dom. 6:30 p.m. MST

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Dom. 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Cancel: What's the Name of that Song?
Schedule: 50th Anniversary of First Air Flight.

This occasion only.

The Prairie Gardener

Summary of Broadcast of December 6, 1953.

Growing House Plants from Seed

1. If you want choice house plants exactly like some you have seen in a florist shop or neighbour's home, you will have to buy them or get cuttings to root. Most house plants don't come true from seed.

2. If you want house plants in quantity and variety there are many easily grown from seed. Examples—coleus, flowering maples, asparagus ferns and geraniums.

3. Sow coleus seed in sandy soil in a warm room. Sow in January for strong spring plants or March for a summer display.

4. Flowering maples are best grown as large pot or tub plants. Pruning to stimulate free branching is desirable as flowers are produced terminally on new growth. Seed sown in January will produce flowering plants by mid-summer.

5. Asparagus "ferns"—both plumosus and sprengeri—are easily grown from seed. Sow seed in January for plants to be used next winter.

6. To build up a collection of geraniums try growing them from seed. Seed sown in February-March will produce flowering plants by mid-summer. Bed the young plants in the garden for summer and select ones to be carried over by means of cuttings.

CBC French Network

Programs scheduled for the western section of the CBC French Network this week includes: Sunday—Christmas in Literature, from Villon to Claudel. Monday—Farm Forum, Village Foresters, Man, Family, and Forest. Tuesday—Francoise Bertrand, pianist: Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (Bach), Theme and Variations, Op. 5 (Chevillard), Trois Nouvelles Etudes (Chopin), La Vida Breve, Danse Espagnole No. 1 (de Falla). Wednesday—Chorales for Christmastime, from Bach, Bernard Legace, organist of St. John Baptist church, Montreal. Thursday—Peter and the Wolf (Prokofiev), Francois Rozet and the Little Symphonies Orchestra conducted by Roland Leduc; Baptiste et Marianne; Mont-

real Bach Choir, Christmas in various countries: France—Noel Nouvelet, On entend partout carillon, Entre le boeuf et l'ane gris, Marche des rois; England—The Holly and the Ivy, Lute Book Lullaby; Germany—Es ist ein' Ros; Czechoslovakia—Rocking Carol; Religious Motets—Ave Maria (Jean Mouton, 1415-1522), O Nata Lux de Lumine (Tallis, 1505-1585), O Magnum Mysterium (Vittoria, 1540-1611). Friday (Christmas Day)—The Queen's Message, French translation; Christmas Around the World; Christmas in France; Christmas in England; Petits Chanteurs a la Croix de Bois; Noel et Ivan L'Intrepide; Carrefour, from Quebec; Pete Noel Nous Ecrit; The Mystery of the Nativity, by Arnoul Gretan; Christmas in the Village.



A popular CBC network broadcast, *Here Comes the Band*, (Tuesdays, W-10:30 p.m.; K-X-11:30 p.m.), originated on November 24 at the annual convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities in Winnipeg's Royal Alexandra Hotel. The picture shows some of the assembled municipal delegates, and, on the left, CBC announcer GEORGE RICH, vocalist REG GIBSON, conductor W. J. PARK, and the band. Top right, CBC producer ALFRED PARR is congratulated after the broadcast by OSWALD MACKAY, of Alexander, president of the Union.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 1953

CBCW, MANITOBA (990 Kc.) (CST)

10:30 Good Deed Club
11:00 BBC News
11:15 Divertimento
11:30 CBC Stamp Club
11:45 Melody Roundup

11:59 Dominion Time Signal
12:00 Messages, Marine
Forecast, Road Report
12:15 CBC Farm Club
12:30 Stu Davis

12:45 CBC News, Weather
1:00 Metropolitan Opera
4:00 Ballet Club
5:00 CBC News, Weather
5:15 This Week
5:30 Sports College
5:45 Armdale Chorus
6:00 Now I Ask You
6:30 Music Box
7:00 Sons of the Saddle

7:15 Rhythm Pals
7:30 Share the Wealth
8:00 CBC National News
8:05 N.H.L. Hockey
9:30 Organ Music
10:00 The Western Five
10:30 Prairie Schooner
11:00 Hit Parade
11:30 Dixieland Concert
12:00 CBC News, Weather

CBK, SASKATCHEWAN (540 Kc.) (MST)

10:25 Interlude
10:30 CBC Stamp Club
10:45 Stu Davis
10:59 Dominion Time Signal
11:00 Who's Herb Gott?
11:30 Melody Roundup
11:45 CBC News, Weather

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6:30 Share the Wealth
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8:30 Organ Music

9:00 The Western Five
9:30 Prairie Schooner
10:00 Hit Parade
10:30 Music Box
11:00 CBC News, Weather
11:15 Macdonald Hotel Orchestra
11:30 Dixieland Concert

CBX, ALBERTA (1010 Kc.) (MST)

10:25 Interlude
10:30 CBC Stamp Club
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CBC DOMINION (MST)

8:30 Roy Rogers
(9:30 a.m. CST Man.)
9:30 Howdy Doody
10:30 Stars Over Hollywood
11:00 Fun for All
11:30 Roy Rogers
(Sask. and Alta.)

12:00 Uncle Bud
5:00 Top Bands
5:30 Lend an Ear
6:00 Juke Box Jury
6:30 National Grain Barn Dance

7:00 Take It From Here
7:30 Ranch Boys
8:00 Mart Kenney
8:30 Dance Orchestra
9:00 Dominion News

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NBC SYMPHONY. NBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Guido Cantelli.

W-7:00 p.m. K-9:00 p.m. X-9:00 p.m.

STAGE 54. Cocoon, by Ray Darby. A boy breaks away from his mother's apron strings and for the first time faces the world alone. The occasion is important, for him, for his family, and for all those who have to put up with his blunders. Darby is a specialist in adolescent problems.

W-8:00 p.m. K-7:00 p.m. X-7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND REVIEW. An analysis of the week's news by Carlyle Allison. From Winnipeg.

W-9:10 p.m. K-8:10 p.m. X-8:10 p.m.

OUR SPECIAL SPEAKER. A poet, Dr. Fred Cogswell of the English department at the University of New Brunswick, will broadcast in a personal way about what Christmas means to him, and read some of the poetry he has written about Christmas.

W-9:20 p.m. K-8:20 p.m. X-8:20 p.m.

LITTLE SYMPHONIES. Orchestra conducted by Roland Leduc. From Montreal.

The Mother Goose Suite (Ballet version) by Ravel.

W-9:30 p.m. K-8:30 p.m. X-8:30 p.m.

WINNIPEG SYMPHONY. Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Walter Kaufmann; Charles Kullman, tenor; Norman Lucas, producer. From Winnipeg. Broadcast numbers will be chosen from the following:

Orchestra: Overture, The Marriage of Figaro (Mozart); Symphony No. 104 (London) (Haydn); Hungarian March (Berlioz); Nocturne (Kaufmann). Charles Kullman: Danza Tarantella (Rossini); Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes (Ben Johnson's verses set to Traditional Air); Lohengrin's Narrative, from Lohengrin (Wagner); The Dream, from Manon (Massenet).

W-10:00 p.m. K-4:30 p.m. X-4:30 p.m.

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(The following letter came in response to a broadcast of French composer Edgar Varese's *Ionization*, scored for 13 percussion players. It was heard in the Thursday-night program *Music in Our Time*.)

It's a very long time since I felt so happy. Ah, these brave young fellows! Especially when I imagined how mad people like Hindemith must be after listening to Signor Varese's

Boiler Factory Symphony. He outhindemithed Hindemith. You see, I had a thing to settle with Hindy on account of a very dear aunt of mine. She had a ticket for an all-Brahms evening, but by mistake went one day too early and found herself listening to Hindemith's opera *Mathis der Maler*. I am sorry to say that after a quarter of an hour they had to carry her out and her expensive tortoiseshell lorgnette got broken.—C. S., *New Liskeard, Ontario*.

Our Gracious Queen

By THOM BENSON

RECENTLY, while I was in Jamaica reporting the visit of Queen Elizabeth to that country, I met an American gentleman who said something which I am sure expressed the feelings of many people who live in countries outside the Commonwealth.

The American had returned late at night from the reception held at the Governor's residence in Kingston. He came into our hotel room where we were editing tape-recordings of the events of the day. He listened for a short while to the commentaries, then said, "You know, I am more and more convinced that this is something that we in the United States need in the worst way."

I asked him what he meant, and he replied, "A government for and by the people is a wonderful thing. It is the only way of life that Americans will ever tolerate; but, you Canadians have something which I think is even better—you have a democratic government, and you have your Queen, too. When your government bogs down or goes off on tangents which are disturbing or incomprehensible to the people, you have something good and clean to cling to—something untouched and untouchable by graft or scandal or selfish motive. I wish we Americans were as fortunate."

I had never thought of the Monarchy in just those terms. Many of us are inclined to think of the Queen—and the Throne she holds—as a symbol. But, that man's words impressed upon my mind the fact that our Queen is much more than a mere symbol. She is a living, breathing embodiment of all that is decent and good in a world where decency and goodness are virtues too often suspect.

I saw the Queen first as a Princess in Quebec City at the start of the Royal Tour of Canada. Then, she was a shy and nervous person. We Canadians are a less restrained lot than the English or European people and we enthusiastically flashed bulbs in her face wherever she went; we followed her every move and reported on it through the press and by radio; we talked of how she handled her knife and fork; we were concerned that she didn't smile enough and we told her so in the newspapers; we quarreled amongst ourselves about the arrangements for her visit—arrangements we had approved months before. We shall never know how great a strain

those first days in Canada were to our young Princess. It is small wonder that at times she appeared diffident and uncertain.

It is a fact, I think, that during the Royal Tour of Canada we developed a sort of parental affection toward the then Princess. Our hearts were so touched by her simplicity and charm that we wanted to put our arms around her shoulders to comfort and strengthen her for the ordeals which filled her day from dawn to dark and beyond. The President of the United States did just that—and we were glad.

And now, as Queen, she is embarked on a tour of the Commonwealth.

I saw Queen Elizabeth step off the Royal Stratocruiser at Montego Bay in Jamaica, and I was present at nearly all the public functions attended by Her Majesty and Prince Philip during their stay on that tropical island. And I think that if the Queen were to visit Canada today the people would react quite differently—they would gain an altogether different impression.

This lady of Royal blood is no longer a shy young Princess. Queen Elizabeth is an assured and confident person. She speaks with authority and firmness. Instead of a parental affection toward her, you would feel, I think, a humble pride in, and respect for, a noble and gallant woman whose office it is to serve and rule our great Commonwealth of nations. A Princess who conquered our hearts is become a Queen worthy not only of our love, but of our devoted service and loyalty to the end that the free nations guided by her hand shall go on to attain ever greater strength and unity.

The American gentleman said, "You have something good and clean to cling to"—and at no time in our history as a community of nations have we needed it more. The prayer that is our anthem rings around the world this Christmas day, and there are many outside the circle of our Commonwealth family who will sing with us, "God save our gracious Queen—Long may she reign."

Jan Rubes

A highlight in the career of basso Jan Rubes (star of the CBC series *Songs of My People*) was an appearance in Pittsburgh as Mephistopheles in Gounod's *Faust*, with members of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Since he came to Canada from his native Czechoslovakia in 1948, he has often been featured with the CBC Opera Company. In fact, just a little over a month after arriving in this country (and speaking little English) he was engaged by the CBC to sing in a CBC Wednesday Night production of *La Traviata*—his 72nd performance in that opera. He will sing in it again in another CBC Wednesday Night presentation on January 27. Last summer he sang at the Chicago Grant Park Concerts, and as a result was invited to appear with the New York City Opera Company on October 11 in the Sunday matinee performance of Puccini's *La Boheme* at City Centre. Earlier this month he was guest artist at a *Toronto Pop Concert*.



Historic St. Stephen's Church in Fort Chambly, Quebec— scene of the service which will be broadcast on Christmas Morning.

